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SUBJ: PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE TO PREMIER CARAMANLIS

REF: STATE 174045

FOR THE SECRETARY

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

1. I TRANSMITTED PERSONALLY PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER
TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS LAST EVENING. HE THANKED
ME FOR LETTER AND SAID HE WOULD PREPARE A REPLY.

2. CARAMANLIS SAID HE WANTED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH
THE U.S. BUT NEEDED OUR HELP NOW. IF GOT DID NOT ABANDON
ITS PRESENT STANCE TOWARD GREECE, DRAMATIC CONSEQUENCES COULD
FOLLOW. PRESENT GREEK ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE FACED
WITH CHOICE OF GOING TO WAR OR BEING OVERTHROWN. HE
SAID KEY TO PROBLEM NOT IN NICOSIA OR ATHENS BUT LIES
WITH ANKARA MILITARY. I SAID USG FULLY AWARE GOG POSITION
AND GREATLY APPRECIATED THEIR CONTRIBUTIVE APPROACH. I
ADDED WE HAD IN FACT CLEARLY INDICATED TO GOT OUR GROWING
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CONCERN WITH FAILURE TO PUT CEASEFIRE FULLY INTO EFFECT.

3. CARAMANLIS ALSO TOLD ME HE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED
WITH PROPAGANDISTIC POSITION OF USSR WHICH NOW SEEKING
TO GIVE IMPRESSION IT WISHES TO HELP GREECE IN CURRENT
CRISIS. CARAMANLIS SAID HE IS ON POINT OF ISSUING PUBLIC
STATEMENT SETTING FORTH CLEARLY OPPORTUNISTIC ROLE OF
USSR IN PRESENT CRISIS. (SEPTTEL)

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